GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 414
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2017

Vishwajeet Scheme

414. SHRI MUTHAMSETTI SRINIVASA RAO(AVANTHI):

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ambitious Vishwajeet scheme of the Ministry had become a nonstarter;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Directors of Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) have expressed their disappointment over scrapping of the said scheme and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSW ER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE M INISTRY OF HUM AN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH)

(a) to (d): Project Vishwajeet was approved 'in-principle' by the IIT Council with a view to help 7 Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) at Kharagpur, Delhi, Bombay, Kanpur, Madras, Roorkee and Guwahati to come up into the Top 100 World University rankings.

However, since the Government has already approved the scheme to establish 20 'Institutions of Eminence' - 10 from the public institutions and 10 from the private institutions, the requirements projected under Project Vishwajeet would be adequately addressed under the scheme.

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